GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Water Resources Department – Conduct of Elections to Farmers Organizations in the State as per amended Act 4 of 2018 of APFMIS Act, 1997 – Instructions – Orders – Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (CADA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 44 Dated: 24-09-2024

Read:

From the Commissioner, CADA, Vijayawada Lr.No.COM/CADA/Election to Fos/2024, dt. 21-08-2024.

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ORDER:-

In the reference read above, the Commissioner, Command Area Development Authority (CADA), Vijayawada, has informed that the Andhra Pradesh Farmers Management of Irrigation Systems Act, 1997 (APFMIS Act, 1997) was enacted for participation of Farmers Management and Water Regulation of the Irrigation System and it came into force on 09.04.1997 with a 3 tier set up of Farmers Organization (FO) for Major, Medium and Minor Irrigation systems with 3tier, 2 tier and single tier respectively.

2. The Commissioner, CADA has also informed that (1) the Government has reviewed the APFMIS Act, 1997 and felt that it is to be strengthened suitably with certain amendments duly following the procedures in the neighbouring states, (2) the Government has constituted an Expert Committee vide GO Ms no 198 WR (CADA) Department dated 06.11.2015 to study the APFMIS Act and its implementation, filed study on the Performance of WUAs and maintenance of water bodies in A.P and other States, suggest the ways of strengthening the WUAs in the State and also to recommend any changes required in the APFMIS Act, 1997 (3) Taking into consideration of the recommendations of Expert Committee report, the Andhra Pradesh Farmers Management of Irrigation System Act 1997 is amended by Act 4 of 2018 with certain Amendments.

3. The Commissioner, CADA has stated that (1) the guidelines for area delineation of Water Users Associations, Distributory Committees and Project Committees were issued in GO. Ms No 20, I&CAD Dept., dated 20.02.2003, GO. Ms No. 18 WR (CADA) Dept dated 08.02.2019 and GO Ms No 2 WR (CADA) Dept dated 09.02.2022 and (2) The guidelines to conduct elections are laid down in G.O Ms No. 20 WR (CADA) Dept, Dt: 08.02.2019.

4. The Commissioner, CADA, Vijayawada has requested the Government to re-delineate the existing areas of Territorial Constituencies, to update the territorial constituency wise voters lists, to delineate the new area brought under localization and to conduct election to the farmers organizations.

5. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner CADA, Vijayawada, hereby order to

(1) re-delineate the existing areas of Territorial Constituencies, Water Users Areas, Distributor Areas and Project Areas as per existing guidelines, wherever necessary,

(2) update the Territorial Constituency wise voters list as per the existing guidelines laid in G.O.Ms.No.20, I & CAD Dept., dated.20.02.2003, G.O.Ms.No.18, WR(CADA) Dept., dated:08.02.2019 and G.O.Ms.No.2, WR(CADA) to conduct elections as per the rules laid in G.O.Ms.No.20, WR(CADA) Dept., Dated:08.02.2019,

(P.T.O)

(3) delineate the area for Territorial Constituencies, Distributory areas and Project areas for New area brought under localization for the following Projects:

Sl. No	Category	Name of the Project	Ayacut localized in Acres
1	Major	TV Pushkara Lift Irrigation System	89,449
2	Medium	Madduvalasa	24,877
3	Medium	Surampalem	11,931
	Total		**1,26,257**

(4) conduct elections to Farmers Organizations as per the rules laid in G.O Ms No. 20 WR (CADA) Dept., Dated: 08.02.2019 within 90 days and

(5) delete Rule 12(5) of the AP Farmers Management of Irrigation Systems (Delineation and Formation of Water User Associations) Rule, 2003, issued in G.O.Ms.No.20, (CAD.IV) Department, dated:20.02.2003 and as subsequently amended by G.O.Ms.No.18, Water Resources (CADA) Dept., dated:08.02.2019.

6. The Commissioner, CADA, Vijayawada, shall take necessary further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, CADA, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The P.S to Secretary to CM.,
The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources.
The P.S to Special Chief Secretary to Government (WRD).
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